GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether review undertaken for prices of agricultural commodities has since been completed;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take some measures to relieve suffering and distress of farmers community;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (e): The prices of agricultural commodities are constantly reviewed and necessary corrective steps are taken whenever required.

In order to relieve suffering and distress of farmers community due to recent fall in prices of agricultural commodities, the Government has taken several steps, which include fixation of minimum support prices of major agricultural commodities and procurement thereof through public and cooperative agencies, implementation of Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) covering horticulture and minor items of produce at the request of the State Governments and using instruments of trade to discourage imports and encourage exports.